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SUPERMAN STOPS THE **CLOCKWORK MAN!**

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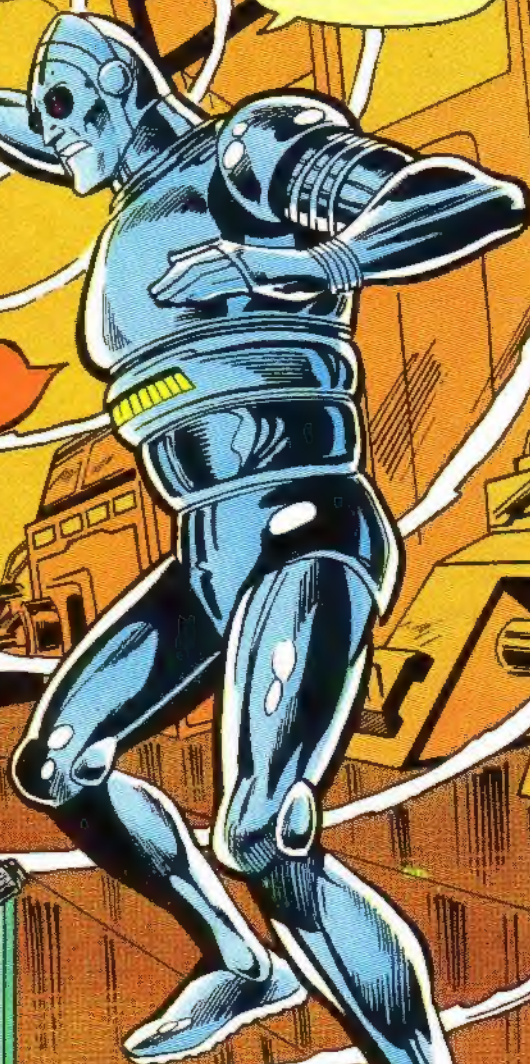


SUPERMAN
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TURN OFF YOUR
TIME TORNADO--
FOR THE SAKE OF
HUMANITY!

HU-MAN-I-TY
DOES NOT COUNT!
ON-LY MY DU-TY!



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ACTION-PLUS
WITH
THE
ATOM



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ROCKETED AS A BABY FROM THE EXPLODING PLANET KRYPTON, KAL-EL GREW TO MANHOOD ON EARTH-- WHOSE YELLOW SUN AND LIGHTER GRAVITY GAVE HIM FANTASTIC SUPER-POWERS! IN THE CITY OF METROPOLIS, HE POSES AS MILD-MANNERED NEWSMAN CLARK KENT-- BUT BATTLES EVIL ALL OVER EARTH--AND BEYOND--AS...

SUPERMAN
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QUESTION: WHEN IS A
TOY NOT A TOY?

QUESTION: WHEN DOES
ONE MAN'S DREAM
BECOME A WHOLE WORLD'S
NIGHTMARE?

THE ANSWERS, DEAR READER,
ARE IN A STORY WE CALL...

THE TIME-TORNADO OF THE CLOCKWORK MAN!

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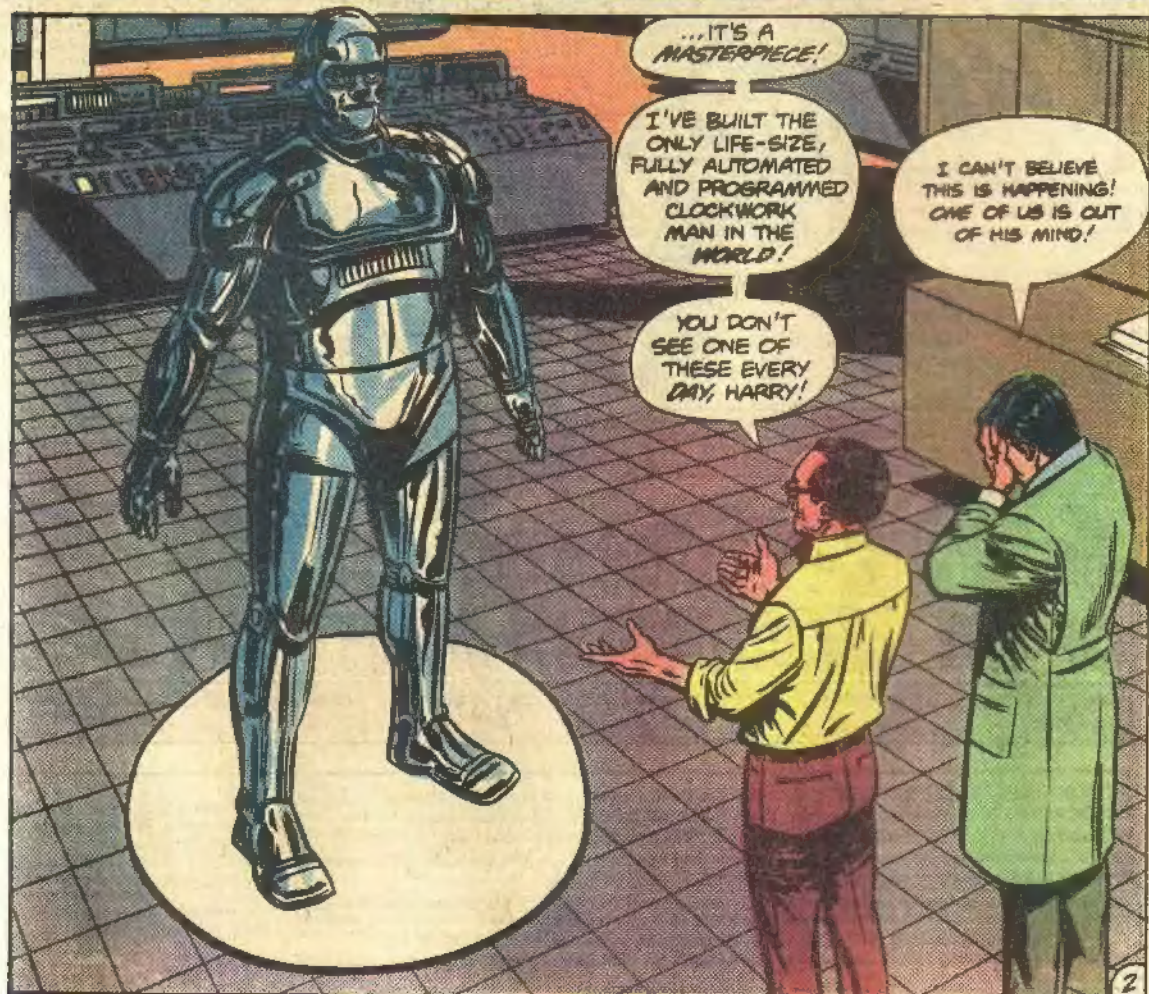
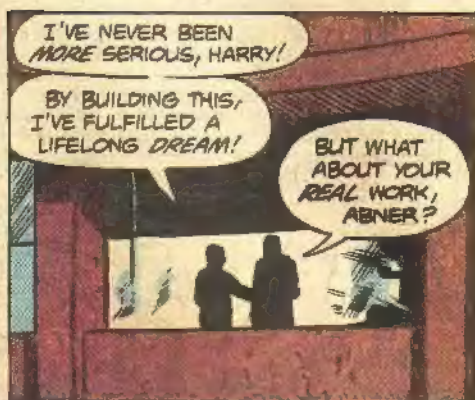
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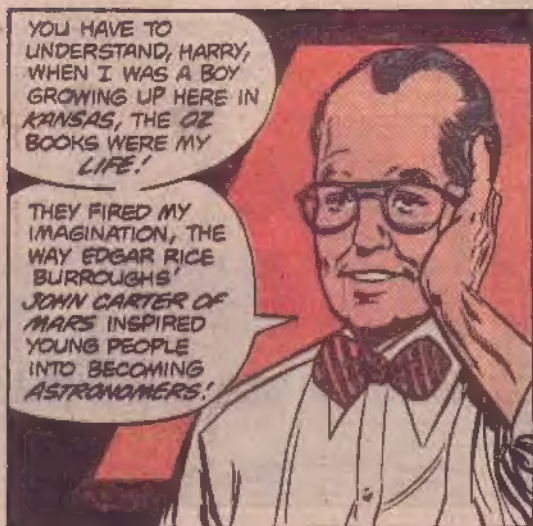
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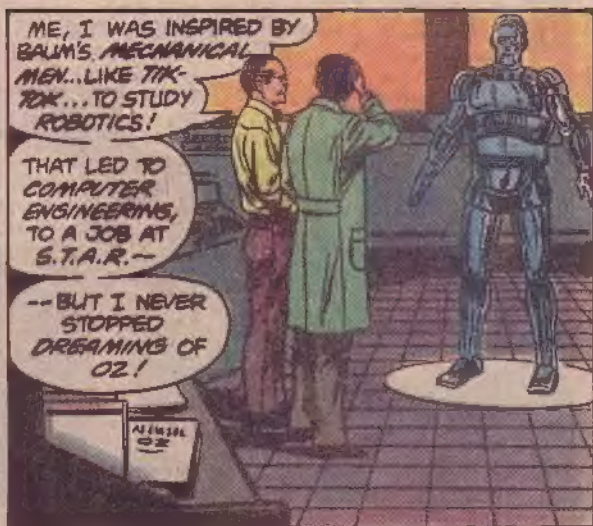
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YOU HAVE TO UNDERSTAND, HARRY, WHEN I WAS A BOY GROWING UP HERE IN KANSAS, THE OZ BOOKS WERE MY LIFE!

THEY FIRED MY IMAGINATION, THE WAY EDGAR RICE BURROUGHS' JOHN CARTER OF MARS INSPIRED YOUNG PEOPLE INTO BECOMING ASTRONAUTS!



ME, I WAS INSPIRED BY BAUM'S MECHANICAL MEN... LIKE TIK-TOK... TO STUDY ROBOTICS!

THAT LED TO COMPUTER ENGINEERING, TO A JOB AT S.T.A.R.~

-- BUT I NEVER STOPPED DREAMING OF OZ!



ONE DAY, I PROMISED MYSELF, I'D BUILD MY OWN CLOCKWORK MAN...



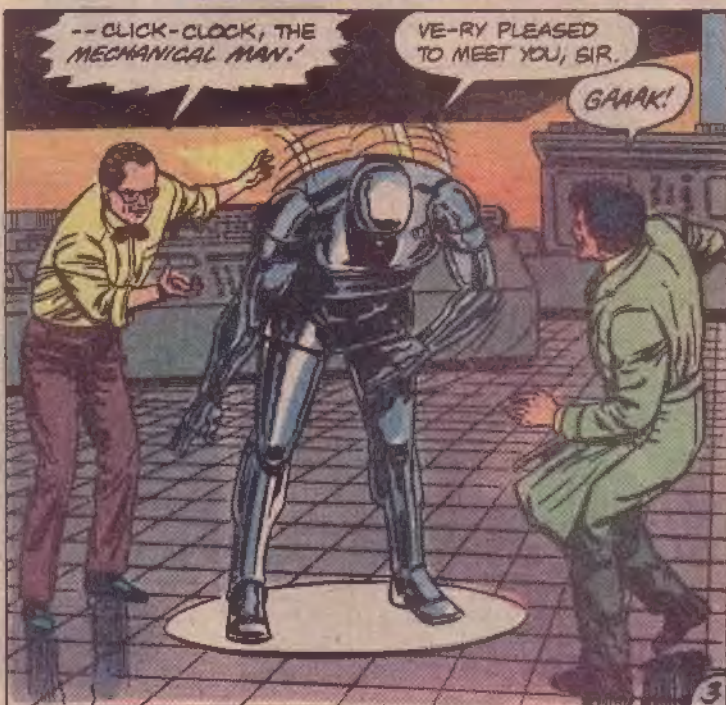
...USING EVERYTHING I KNEW ABOUT MODERN COMPUTER SCIENCE...



...AND THAT'S JUST WHAT I'VE DONE! THE FIRST WINDING STARTS THE BASIC MACHINERY...

THE SECOND ENABLES THE FIGURE TO MOVE... WHILE THIS STARTS THE THOUGHT-PROCESSES!

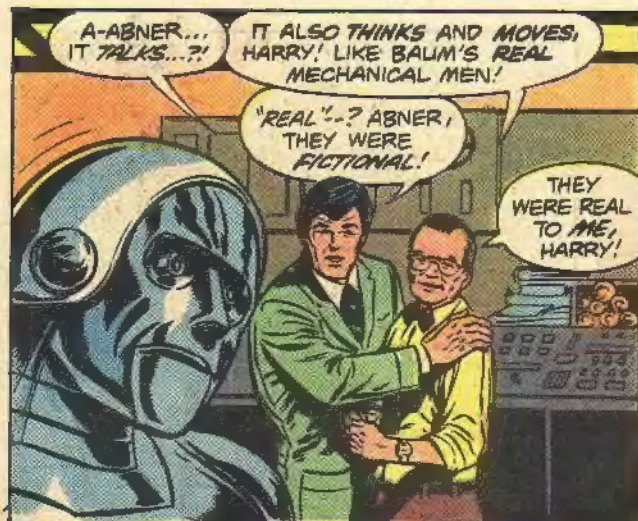
HARRY, MAY I INTRODUCE--



-- CLICK-CLOCK, THE MECHANICAL MAN!

VE-RY PLEASED TO MEET YOU, SIR.

GAAAK!



A-ABNER...
IT TALKS...?!

IT ALSO THINKS AND MOVES,
HARRY! LIKE BAUM'S REAL
MECHANICAL MEN!

"REAL"...? ABNER,
THEY WERE
FICTIONAL!

THEY
WERE REAL
TO ME,
HARRY!



I EX-IST ON-LY
TO SERVE YOU, MAS-TER.
WHAT MAY I DO TO
PLEASE YOU?

ABNER...LET'S
GET GOING...OR
WE'LL BE LATE
FOR THE BRIEF-
ING!



LATE, LATE, I'M
ALWAYS LATE! OH,
ALL RIGHT,
HARRY.

I'LL SHOW YOU THE
IMPROVEMENTS I'VE
MADE ON CLICK-
CLOCK LATER!

YES, DO
THAT,
ABNER!

I'VE GOT
TO GET
HIM TO A
DOCTOR!



BUILDING ROBOTS BASED ON
CHARACTERS OUT OF CHILDREN'S
BOOKS--AND THEN TALKING
ABOUT THE CHARACTERS AS
THOUGH THEY WERE REAL!

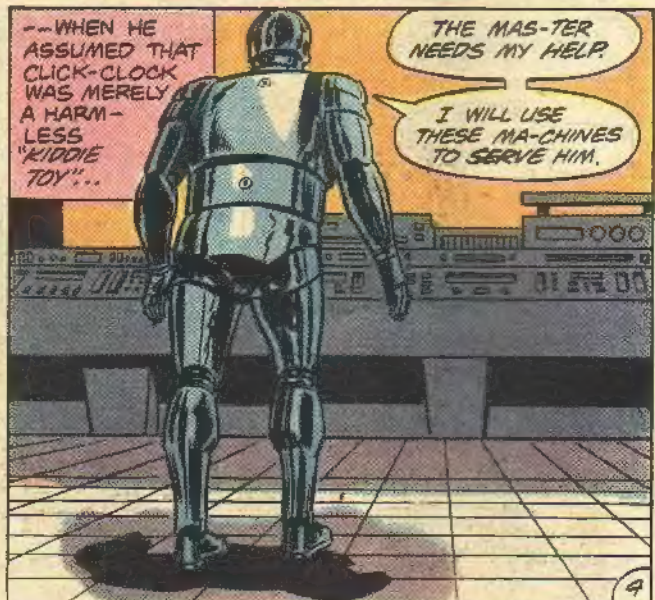
ABNER
DEFINITELY
NEEDS
PSYCHIATRIC
HELP!

I'LL SEND
SOMEONE
TO DEAL
WITH THAT
ROBOT, BUT
FIRST...



WHAT OTHER PLANS
THE WELL-MEANING
HARRY MIGHT HAVE,
WE NEED NEVER
KNOW...

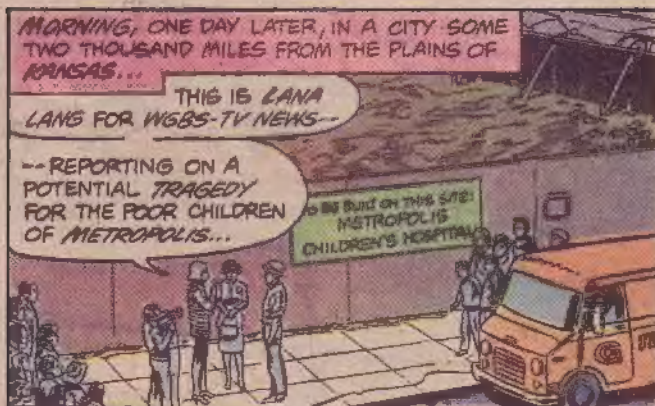
IT SUFFICES
THAT HARRY
HAS ALREADY
MADE ONE
POTENTIALLY
DEADLY
MISTAKE--

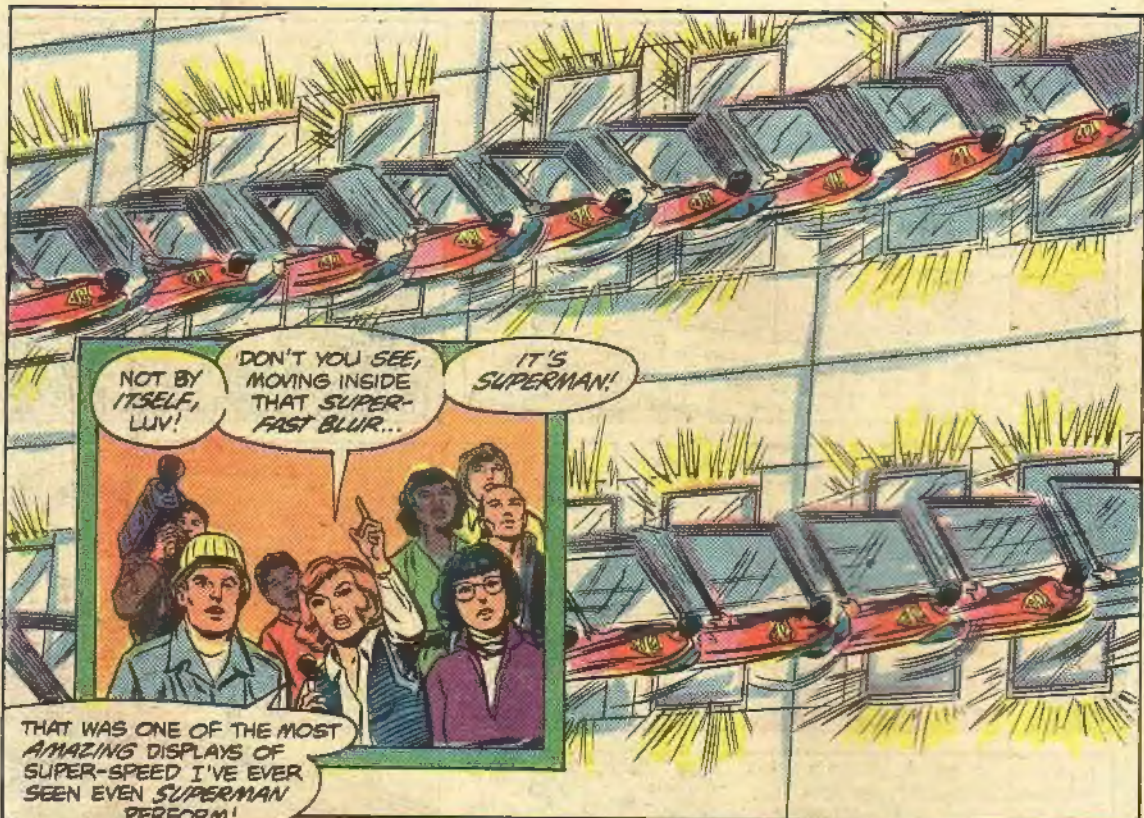


--WHEN HE
ASSUMED THAT
CLICK-CLOCK
WAS MERELY
A HARM-
LESS
"KIDDIE
TOY"...

THE MAS-TER
NEEDS MY HELP.

I WILL USE
THESE MA-CHINES
TO SERVE HIM.





NOT BY ITSELF, LUV!

DON'T YOU SEE, MOVING INSIDE THAT SUPER-FAST BLUR...

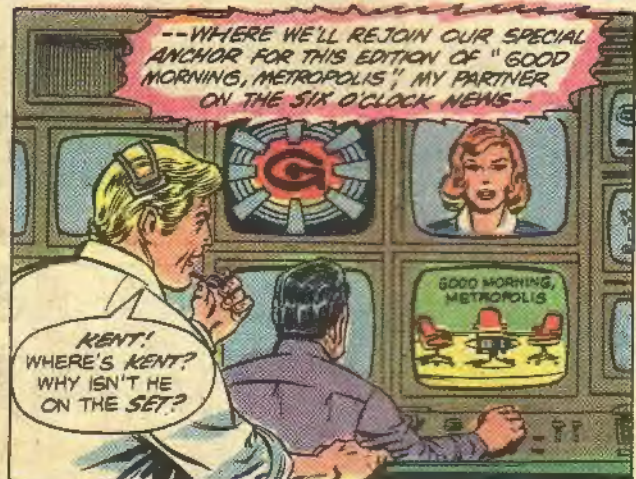
IT'S SUPERMAN!

THAT WAS ONE OF THE MOST AMAZING DISPLAYS OF SUPER-SPEED I'VE EVER SEEN EVEN SUPERMAN PERFORM!



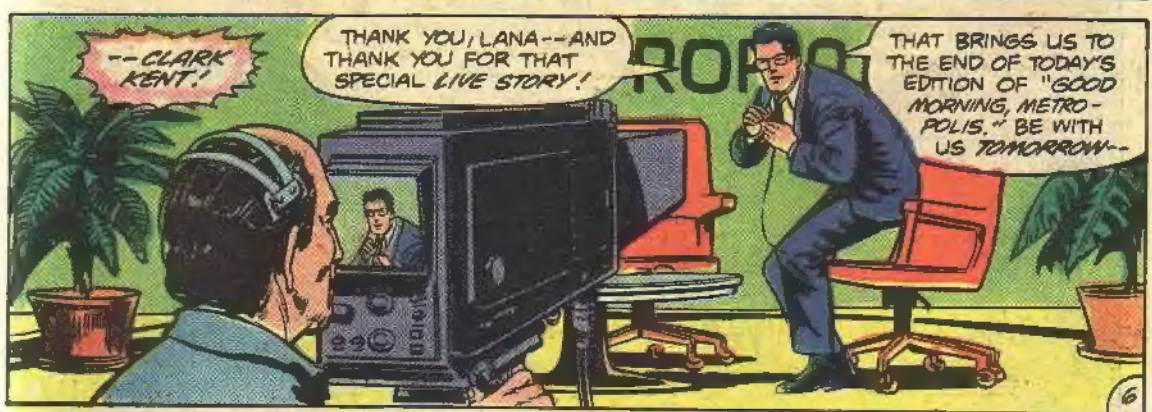
SO IT LOOKS LIKE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL WILL OPEN AFTER ALL!

NOW BACK TO OUR STUDIO--



--WHERE WE'LL REJOIN OUR SPECIAL ANCHOR FOR THIS EDITION OF "GOOD MORNING, METROPOLIS," MY PARTNER ON THE SIX O'CLOCK NEWS--

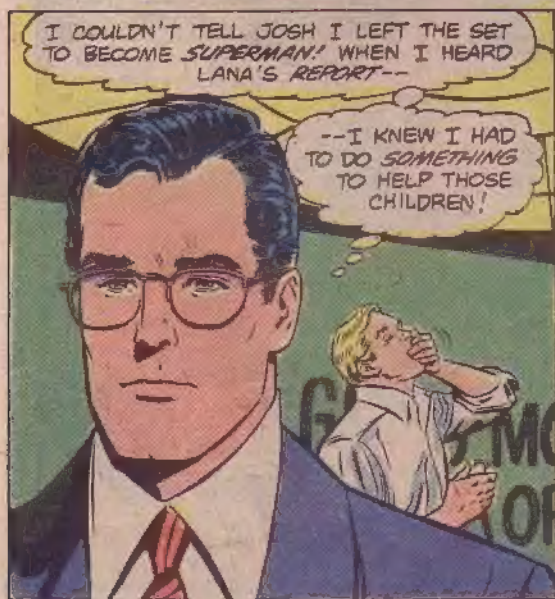
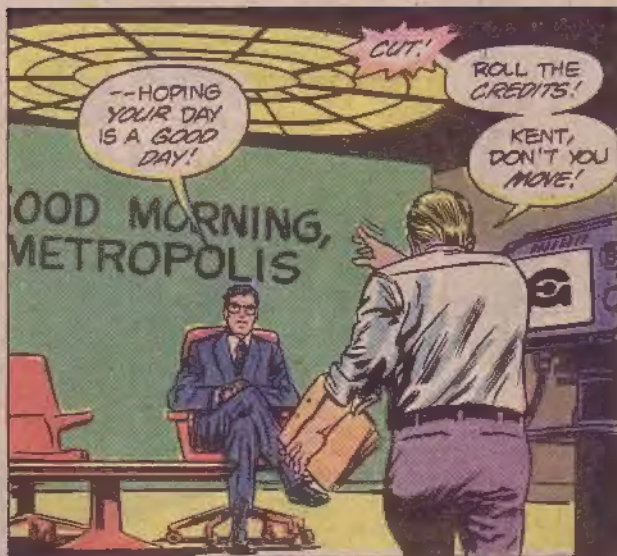
KENT! WHERE'S KENT? WHY ISN'T HE ON THE SET?



--CLARK KENT!

THANK YOU, LANA--AND THANK YOU FOR THAT SPECIAL LIVE STORY!

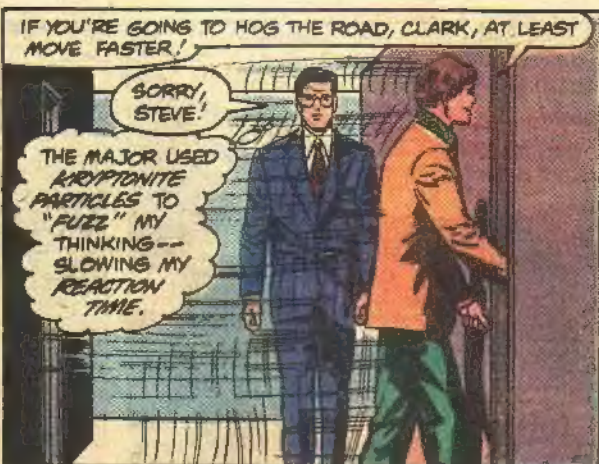
THAT BRINGS US TO THE END OF TODAY'S EDITION OF "GOOD MORNING, METRO-POLIS." BE WITH US TOMORROW--





...BUT THIS MORNING, I WAS A FULL $\frac{3}{4}$ TH'S OF A SECOND OFF!

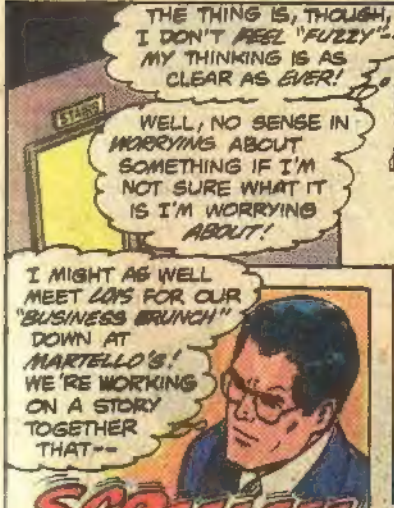
I WONDER IF THIS IS A RESIDUAL EFFECT OF MY LAST CONFRONTATION WITH MAJOR DISASTER?



IF YOU'RE GOING TO HOG THE ROAD, CLARK, AT LEAST MOVE FASTER!

SORRY, STEVE!

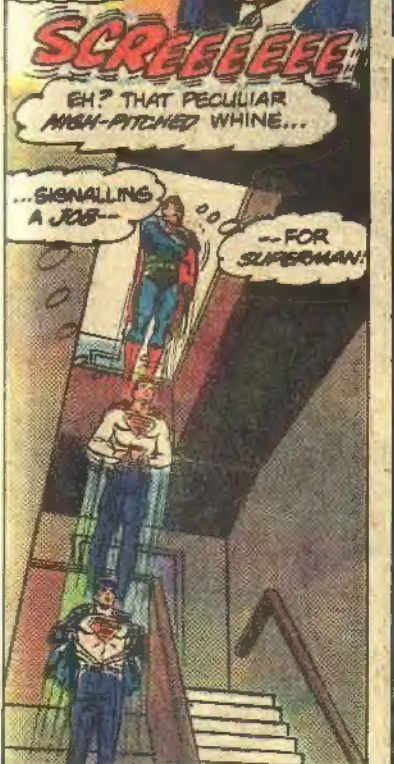
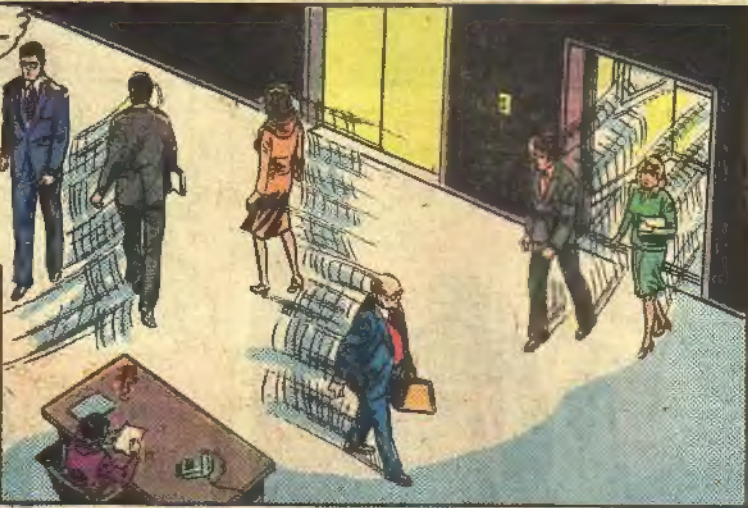
THE MAJOR USED KRYPTONITE PARTICLES TO "FUZZ" MY THINKING-- SLOWING MY REACTION TIME.



THE THING IS, THOUGH, I DON'T FEEL "FUZZY"-- MY THINKING IS AS CLEAR AS EVER!

WELL, NO SENSE IN WORRYING ABOUT SOMETHING IF I'M NOT SURE WHAT IT IS I'M WORRYING ABOUT!

I MIGHT AS WELL MEET LOTS FOR OUR "BUSINESS BRUNCH" DOWN AT MARTELLO'S! WE'RE WORKING ON A STORY TOGETHER THAT--

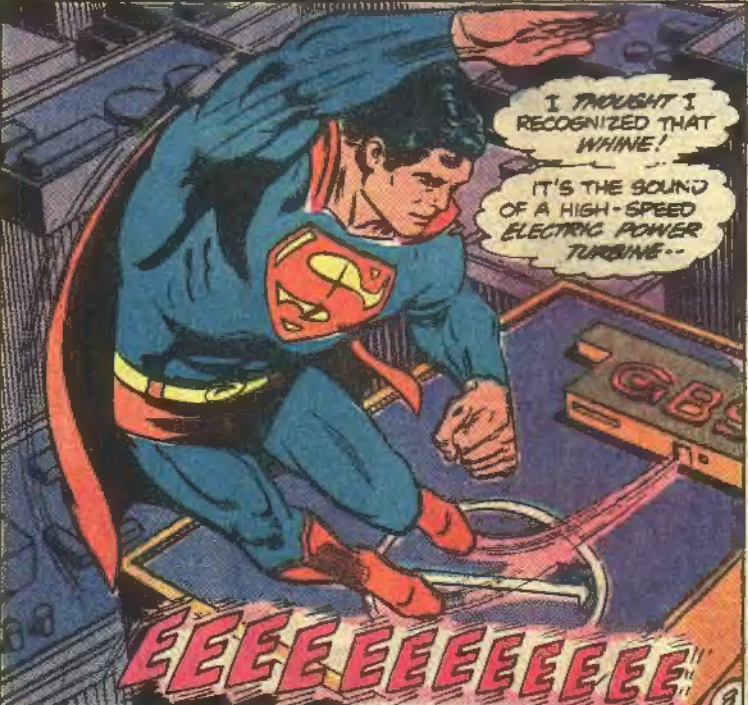


SCREEEEEE

EH? THAT PECULIAR HIGH-PITCHED WHINE...

...SIGNALLING A JOB--

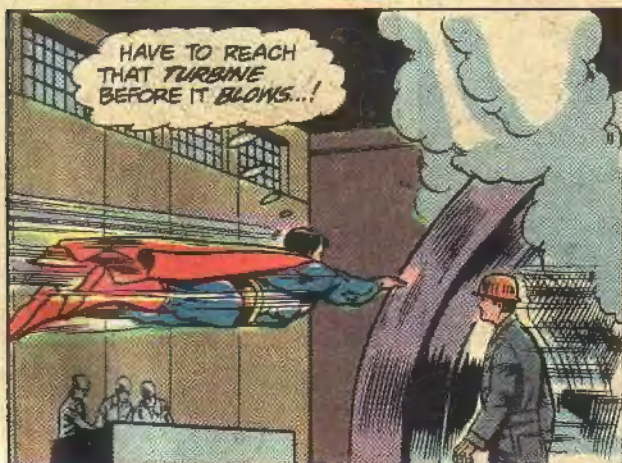
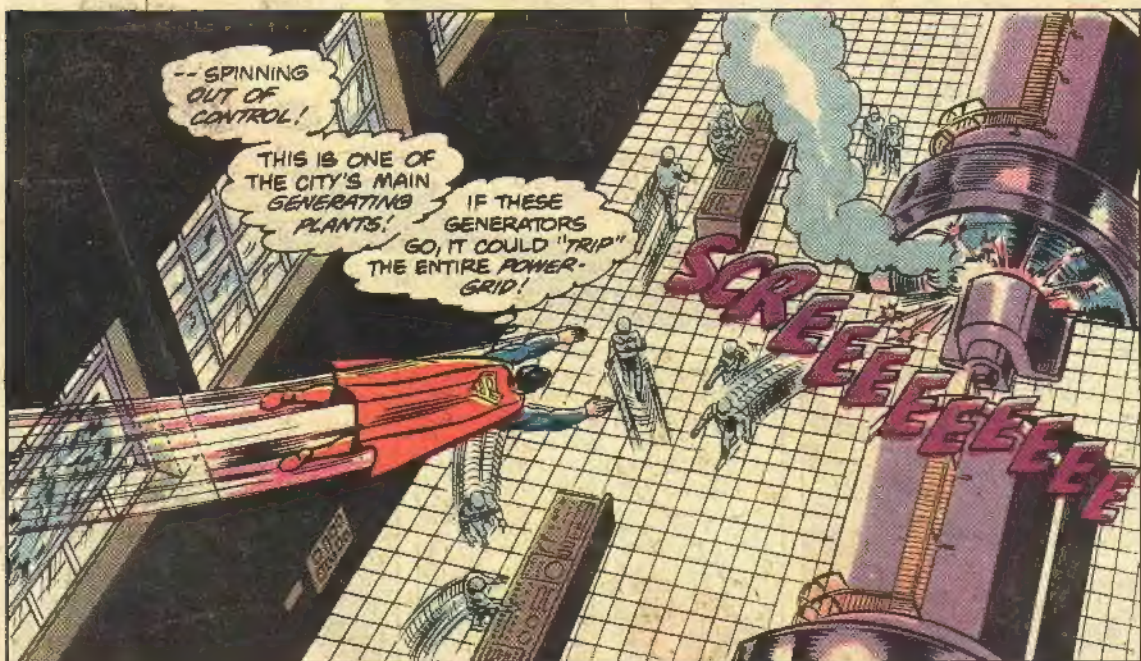
--FOR SUPERMAN!

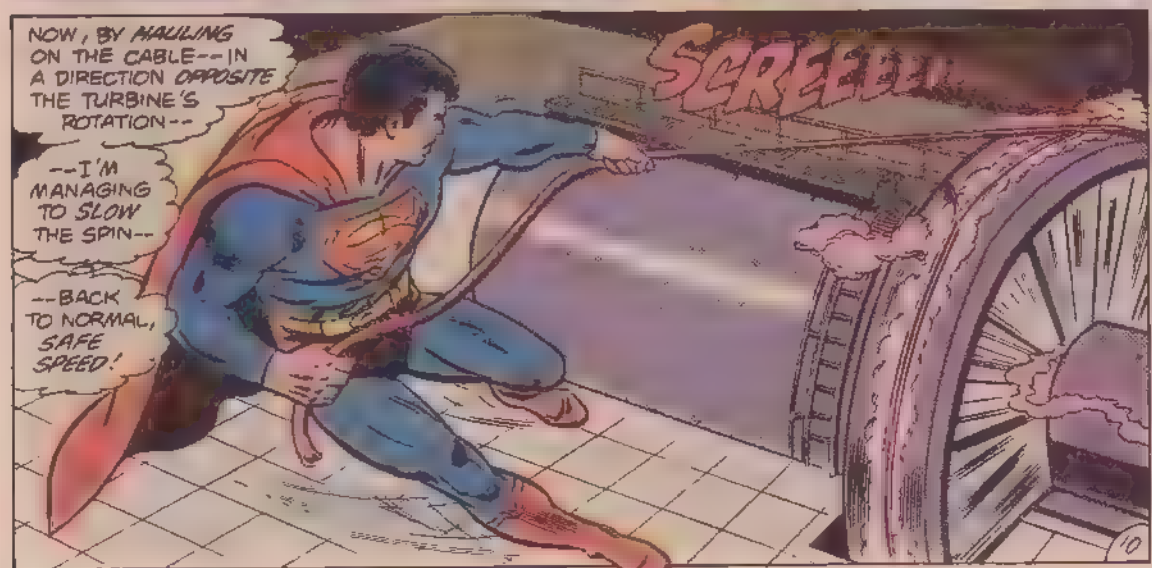
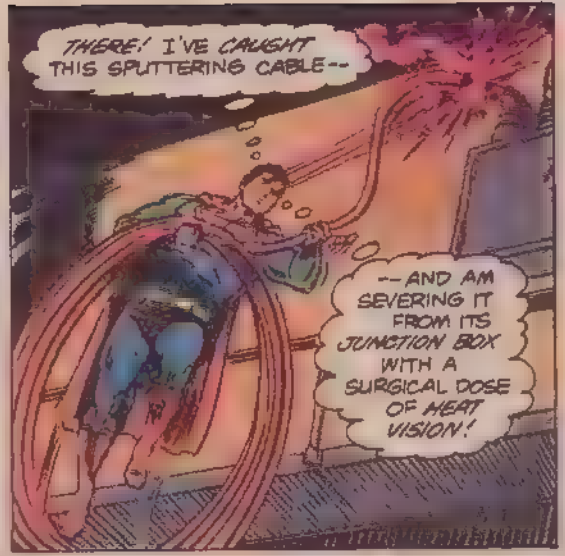
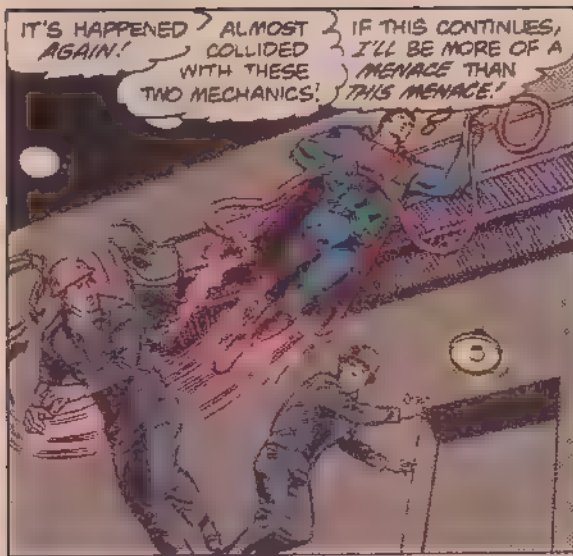


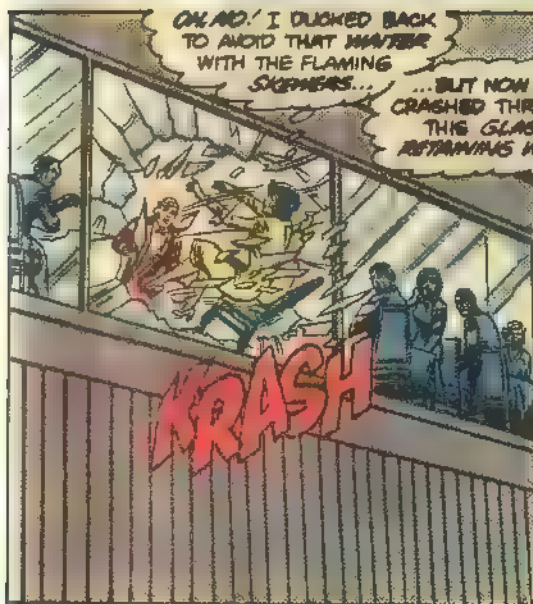
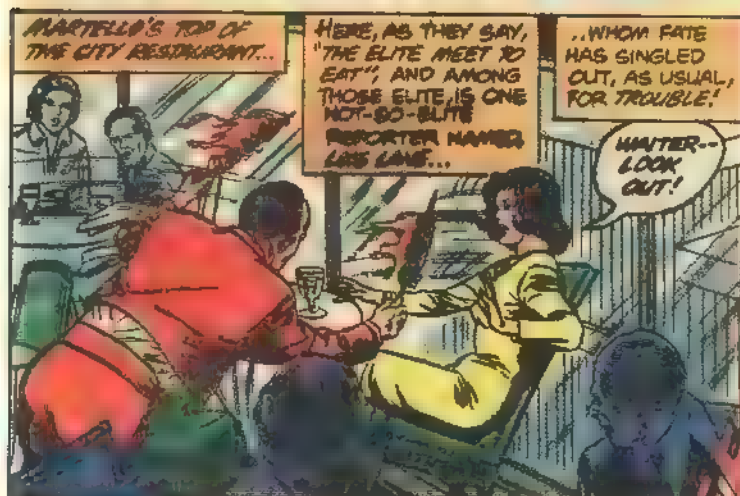
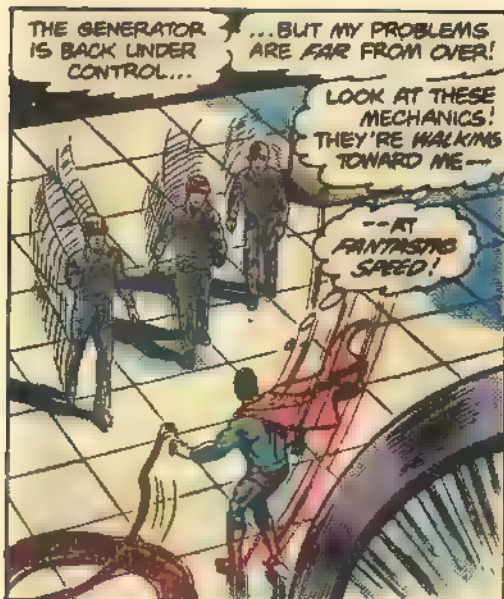
I THOUGHT I RECOGNIZED THAT WHINE!

IT'S THE SOUND OF A HIGH-SPEED ELECTRIC POWER TURBINE--

EEEEEEEEEEEEEEEE





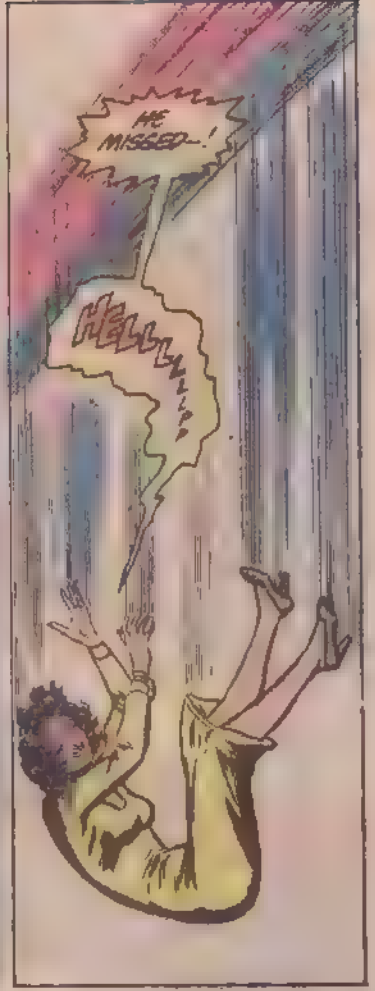




SUPERMAN!
FIGURES! WHENEVER
I'M IN DANGER, HE'S
NOT FAR AWAY!



I SHOULD
KNOW I CAN
COUNT ON
HIM TO SAVE
ME IN THE
NICK OF--
--TIME?



HE
MISSED--
HELL--



OH... I
FEEL
ILL...



HUNH--
SHOULDN'T
I BE DEAD?
OBVIOUSLY,
I'M NOT! WHAT
HAPPENED?

I... CAUGHT..
YOU.. WITH... A
...CUSHION..
OF.. AIR..
FROM .. MY...
SUPER-BREATH..



SUPERMAN...
WHY ARE YOU
TALKING SO
SLOWLY?

I... AM..
NOT... TALKING
... SLOWLY...
LONG.

YOU... ARE...
TALKING...
FAST!



WHAT DO YOU MEAN I'M TALKING FAST?
THIS IS HOW I ALWAYS TALK!

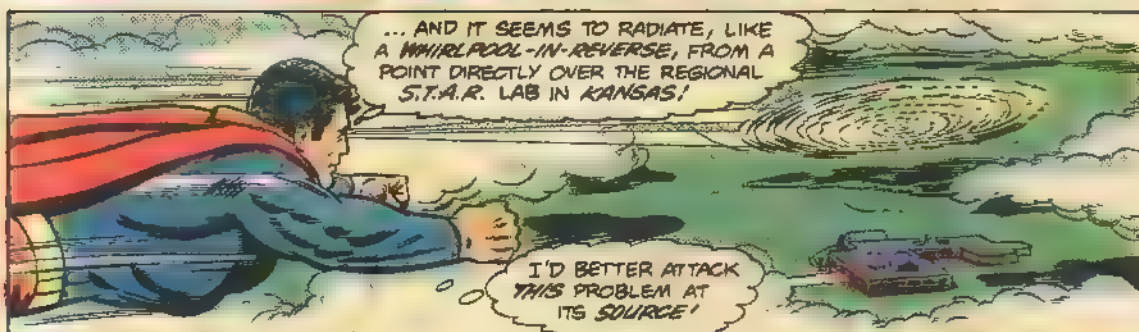
I CAN'T...
TAKE TIME...
TO EXPLAIN!

SOME FORCE... HAS
APPARENTLY...
AFFECTED THE
BIOLOGICAL
CLOCKS...
INSIDE EVERY
BEING... ON
EARTH--
EXCEPT ME...



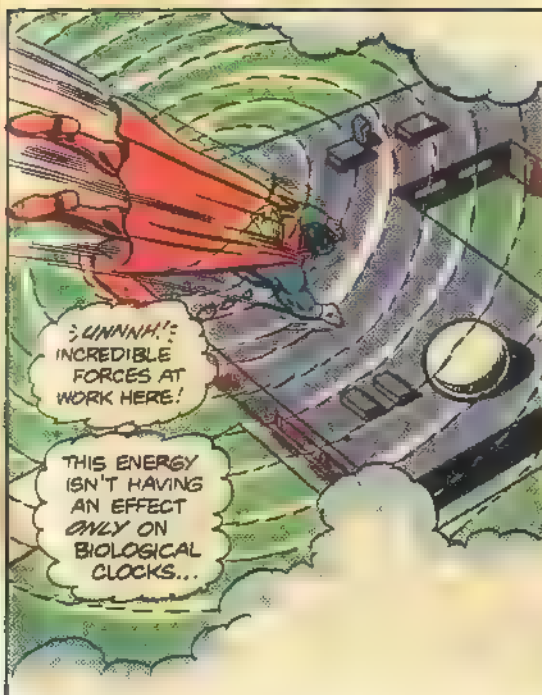
... PERHAPS
BECAUSE I'M
NOT QUITE
HUMAN.

SCANNING THE
SKY WITH MY
SUPER-VISION, I'VE
LOCATED THAT
CLOCKWORK-
FORCE...



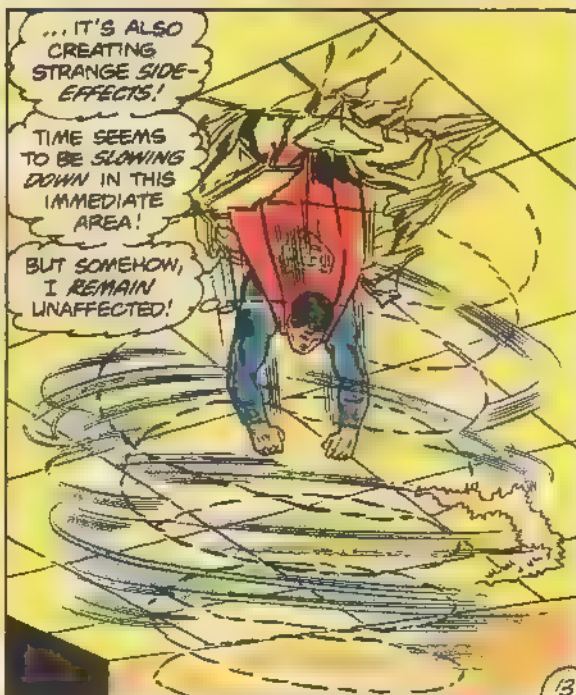
... AND IT SEEMS TO RADIATE, LIKE
A WHIRLPOOL-IN-REVERSE, FROM A
POINT DIRECTLY OVER THE REGIONAL
S.T.A.R. LAB IN KANSAS!

I'D BETTER ATTACK
THIS PROBLEM AT
ITS SOURCE!



WOW...
INCREDIBLE
FORCES AT
WORK HERE!

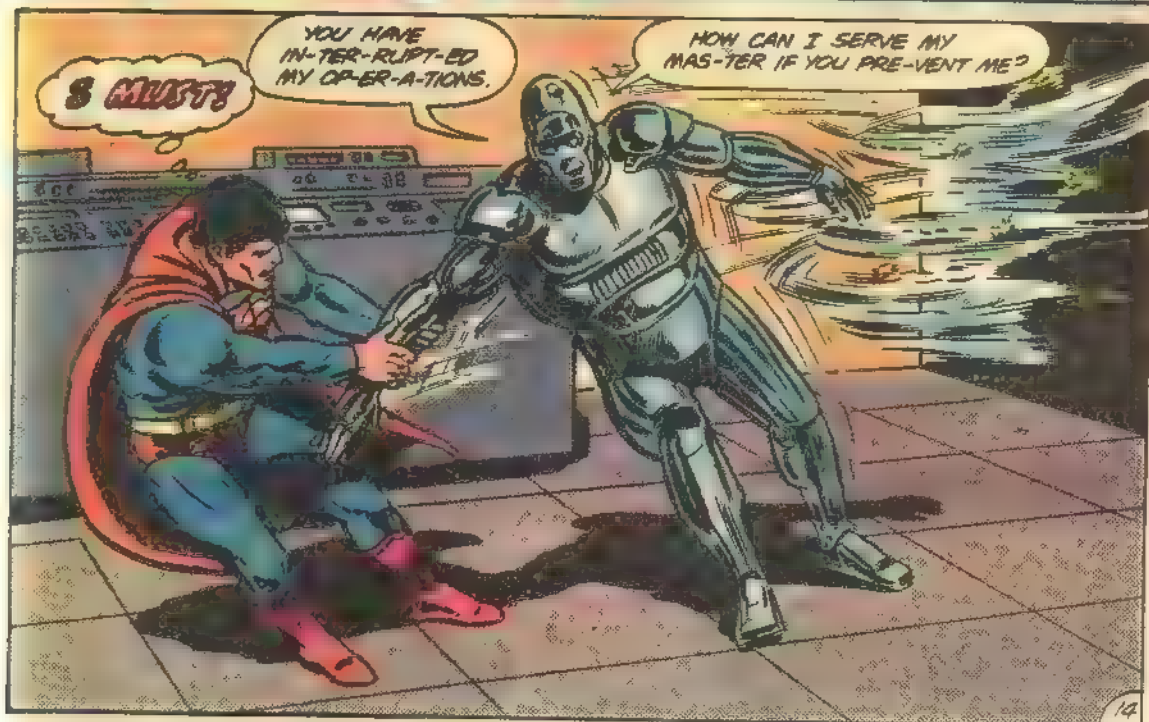
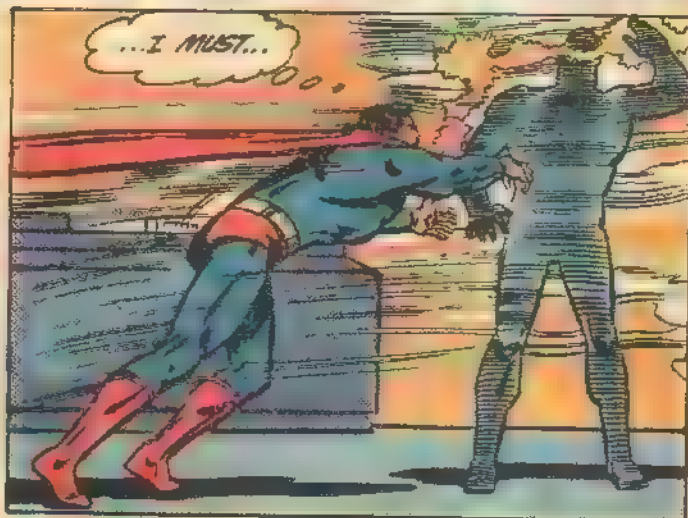
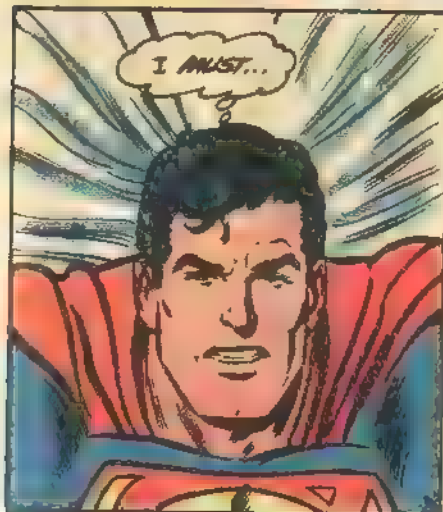
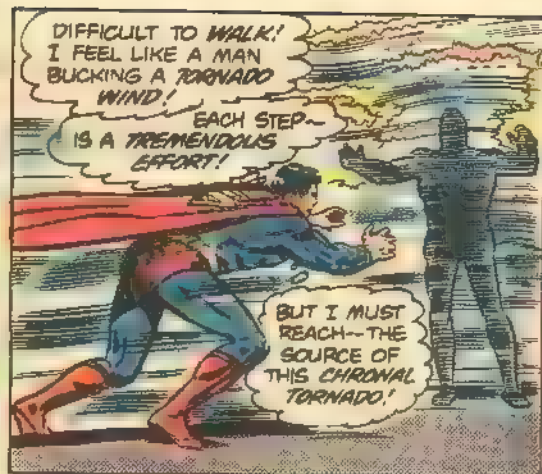
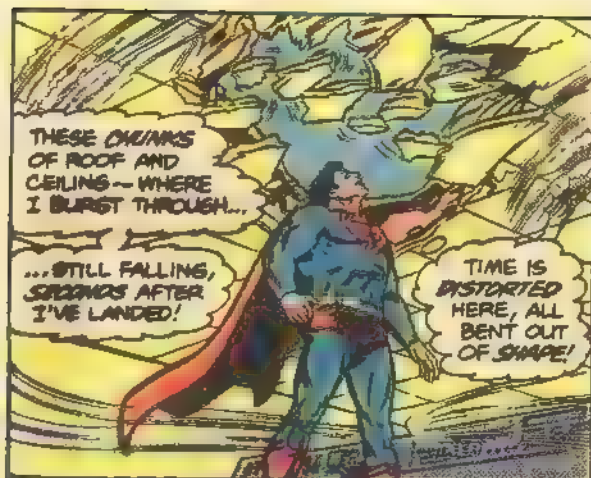
THIS ENERGY
ISN'T HAVING
AN EFFECT
ONLY ON
BIOLOGICAL
CLOCKS...

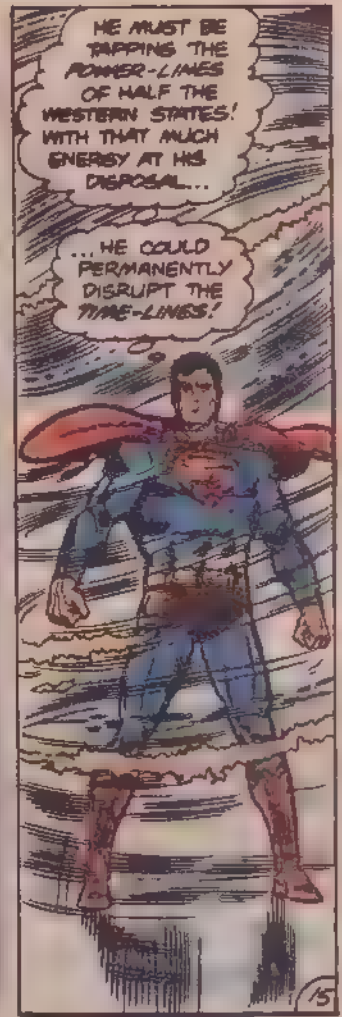
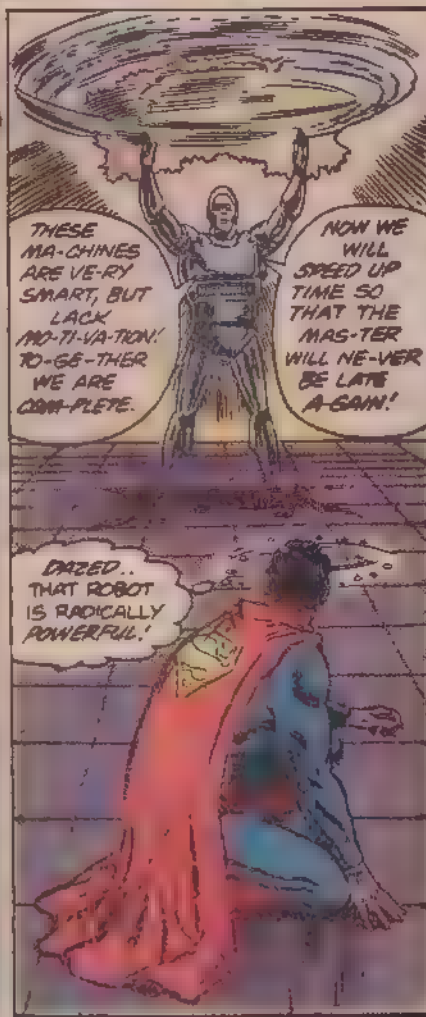
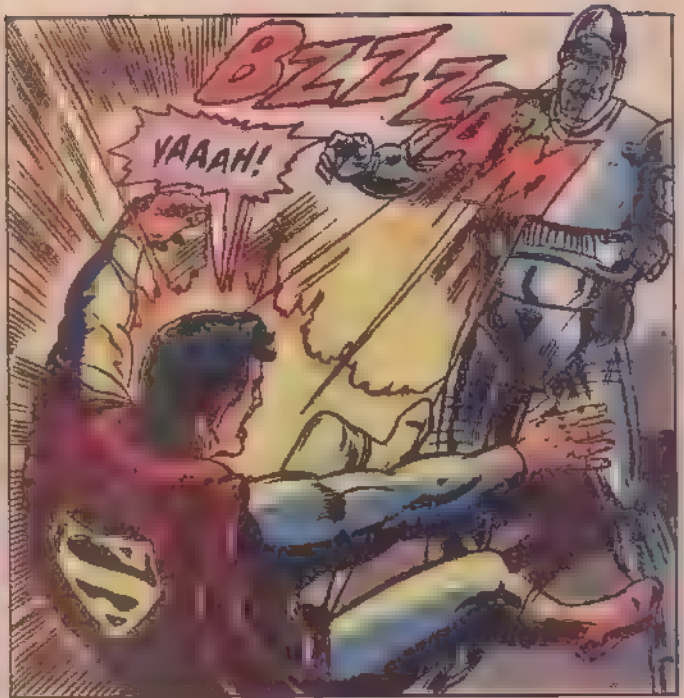
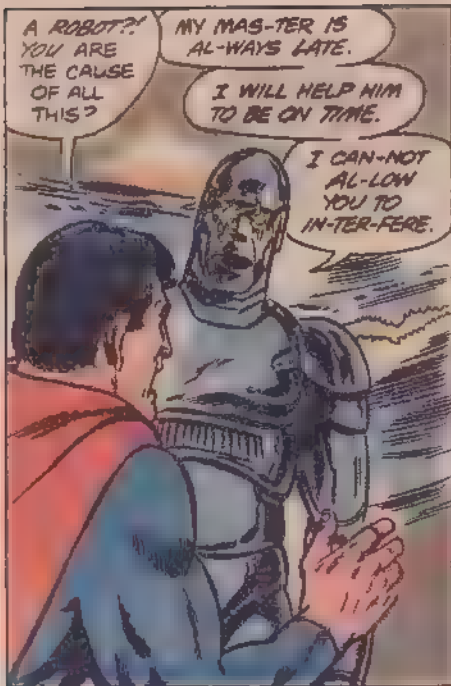


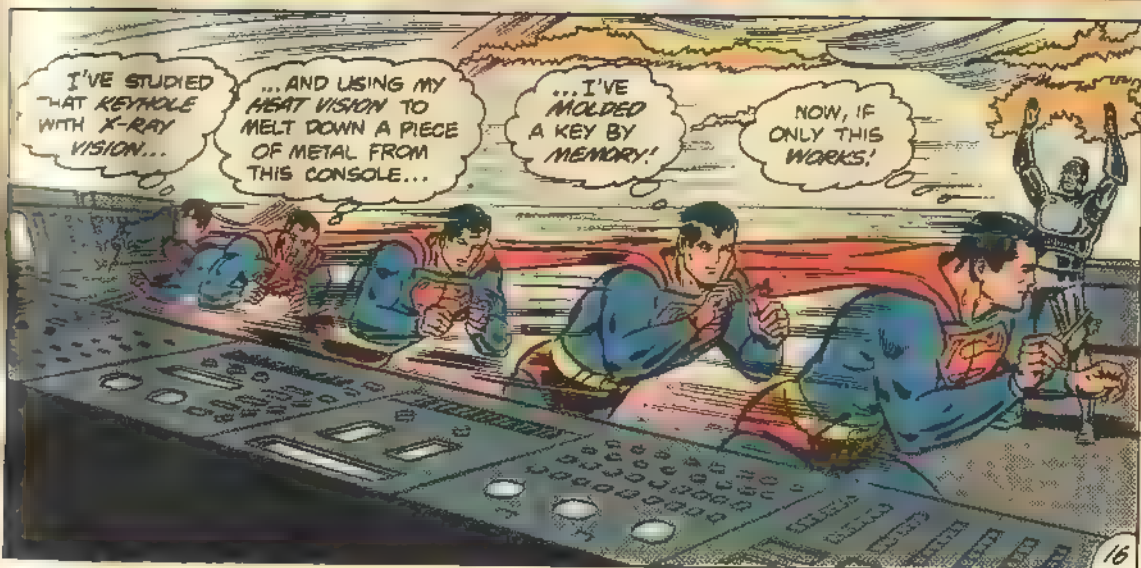
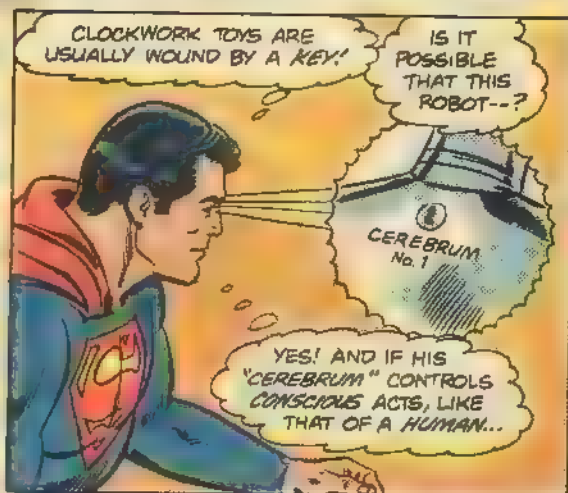
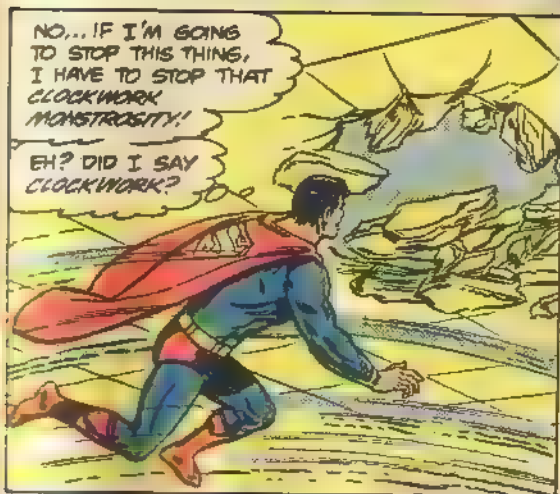
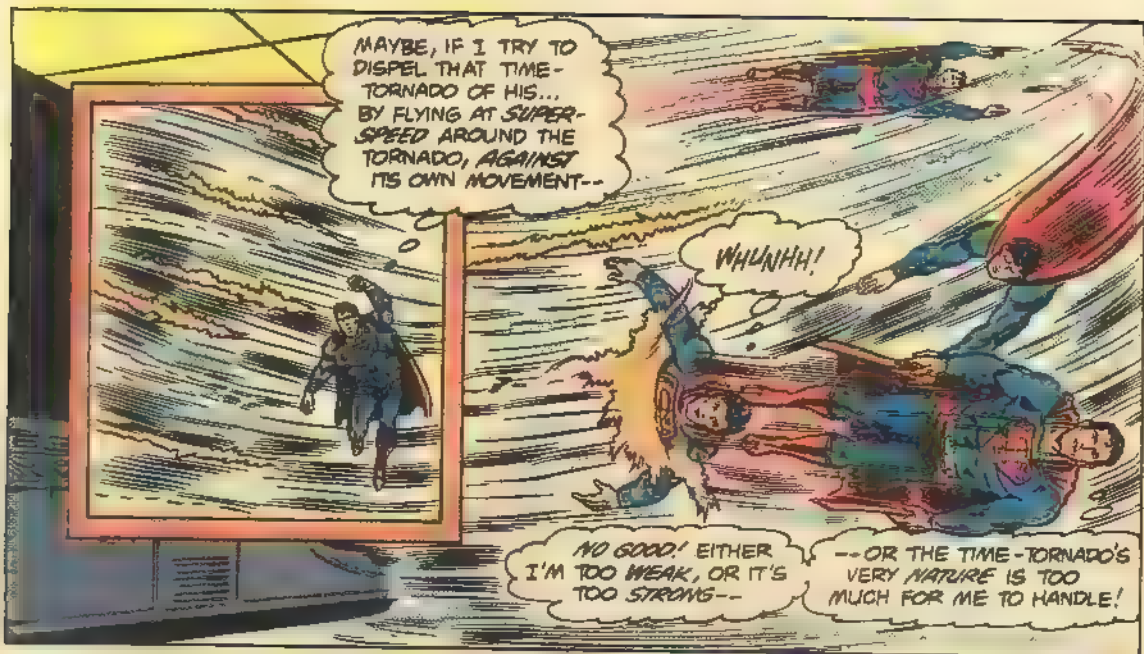
... IT'S ALSO
CREATING
STRANGE SIDE-
EFFECTS!

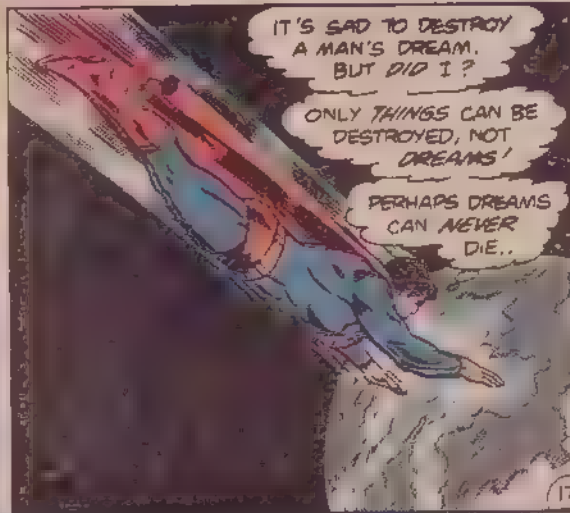
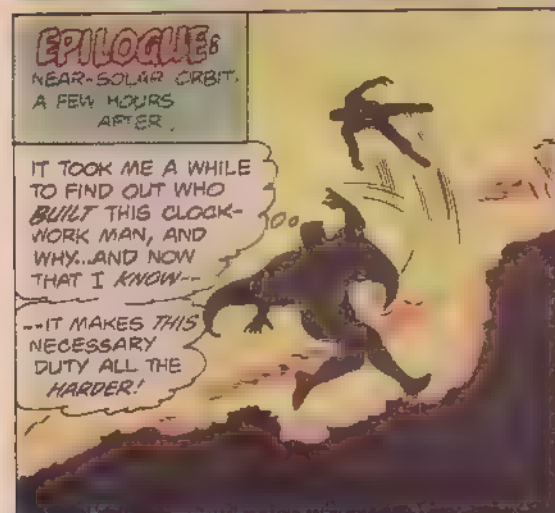
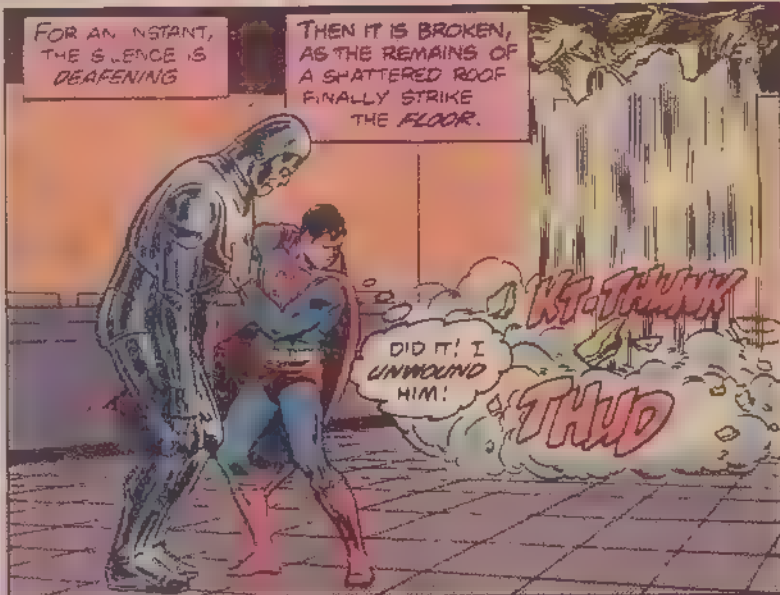
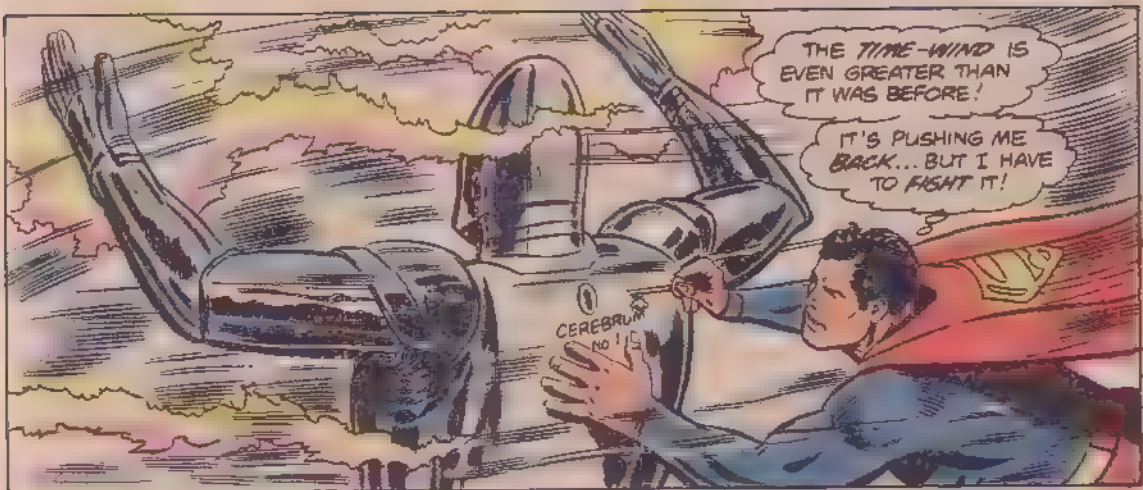
TIME SEEMS
TO BE SLOWING
DOWN IN THIS
IMMEDIATE
AREA!

BUT SOMEHOW,
I REMAIN
UNAFFECTED!









NEXT ISSUE:

IS THE WGBS SPORTSCASTER REALLY WHAT HE SEEMS...OR IS HE NOT HUMAN?
FIND OUT IN "STEVE LOMBARD'S DOUBLE LIFE!"
ON SALE JUNE 18! IT'S A DATE!

FROM A FALLEN FRAGMENT
OF A WHITE DWARF STAR,
NUCLEAR PHYSICIST RAY
PALMER FASHIONED A LENS
WHICH GAVE HIM THE ABILITY
TO SHRINK TO MICROSCOPIC
SIZE! AFTER LEARNING TO
CONTROL HIS WEIGHT, AS
WELL, HE DROPPED HIS
COSTUME OF THE TINY
TITAN, BATTLING CRIME!
AS ...

The Atom



JUMP, ATOM--

**HIGHER...
HIGHER!!**

NOW... DO A
SOMERSAULT!

HAHA! HAVING CALCULATED
YOUR EVERY POSSIBLE MOVE,
I KNOW FOR CERTAIN I WILL
BEAT YOU WHEN NEXT
WE MEET!

INTERFERE WITH MY PLANS
AND I SHALL DISPOSE OF
YOU AS EASILY AS THIS
COMPUTER-CREATED
DUPLICATE!

KEEP ON
SOMERS-
SAULTING,
ATOM, AS YOU
SHRINK
DOWN INTO
OBLIVION!

THE CALCULATOR IS LOOSE! THE
SUPER-VILLAIN-- WHO, ONCE HAVING
BEEN CAPTURED BY A SUPER-HERO,
IS FOREVER AFTER ANYONE TO THAT
HEAD-- HAS COMPILED A NEW CRIME
CAMPAIGN!

"THE HURRICANE HARNESS HIJACK!"

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I'VE COMPUTED THAT THE ATOM WILL INDEED ATTEMPT TO FOIL MY PLANS--

--BUT THE CALCULATED ODDS OF HIS SUCCEEDING ARE ABSOLUTE ZERO!

HA HA HA

HOW WELL I REMEMBER MY PREVIOUS ANTI-HERO CAMPAIGN... MY BATTLES WITH THE ATOM, HAWKMAN, THE BATMAN--

--AND HOW HAPPY I WAS TO BE DEFEATED BY THEM--

--AS WELL AS BY BLACK CANARY, ELONGATED MAN AND GREEN ARROW? BEING BEATEN BY THEM ONCE MADE ME IMMUNE TO THEM FOREVER!

ONLY THE BATMAN'S CLEVERNESS CAUGHT ME... IN AN ESCAPE-PROOF CELL OF MY OWN DEIVING! *

BUT WHILE HIS DEDUCTIVE MIND FAILED TO FIGURE OUT ANY POSSIBLE ESCAPE FOR ME --

--MY CALCULATING MIND EVENTUALLY CAME UP WITH THE ANSWER!

AND NOW, ATOM OR NOT, MY SUCCESS IS A CALCULATED GUARANTEE!

THE HURRICANE HARNESS-- INVENTED BY ALPHEUS HYATT-- WILL SOON BE MINE! *

* ALL SIX BATTLES WERE SHOWN IN DETAIL IN DETECTIVE COMICS #463 THROUGH 468!
--JULIE

WITH THAT LEAD-IN
OUT OF THE WAY,
WE SWITCH SCENES
TO IVY TOWN,
HOME OF THE
TINY TITAN...



... WHERE WE FIND HIM IN
HIS CIVILIAN GUISE OF
RAY PALMER VISITING
HIS SCIENTIST-INVENTOR
FRIEND ALPHEUS V.
HYATT--

DESPITE ITS SMALL
SIZE, RAYMOND, MY
HURRICANE HARNESS
IS DESIGNED TO
CARRY OUT AN
ENORMOUS JOB!



IT WILL SERVE A TWO-
FOLD PURPOSE: FIRST,
TO DRAIN THE FURY FROM
A HURRICANE, THEREBY
PREVENTING MILLIONS
OF DOLLARS IN DAMAGE...



...AND SECOND, TO
CONVERT THAT POWER
INTO ELECTRICAL ENERGY
--FOR USE IN HOMES
AND BUSINESSES!

BUT ENOUGH TALK...
NOW IS THE TIME
TO TEST IT!

TIME,
PROFESSOR?
BUT THERE
ARE NO
HURRICANES
THIS TIME
OF YEAR!



TRUE,
MY BOY...

... BUT THAT'S WHERE ANOTHER
OF MY INVENTIONS COMES INTO
PLAY--THE TIME POOL!

I WILL DROP THE HARNESS
BACK TO SEPTEMBER 21,
1938--



--RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE OF
A HURRICANE SEASON!

OBVIOUSLY THERE MUST BE
AN EXCELLENT REASON
WHY YOU CHOSE THAT
PARTICULAR DATE?

YES,
INDEED!

IT HAPPENS TO
MARK THE DAY A
DEVASTATING
HURRICANE HIT
NEW ENGLAND!

